

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A hard capsule in which an inorganic substance is contained with penem antibiotic ~~a drug~~ filled therein.

2. (Previously Presented) A hard capsule according to claim 1, wherein the hard capsule comprises gelatin as a base material.

3. (Previously Presented) A hard capsule according to claim 2, wherein the inorganic substance contained therein is at least one member selected from the group consisting of hydrated aluminum silicate, synthetic aluminum silicate, light anhydrous silicic acid, hydrated silicon dioxide, and magnesium aluminometasilicate.

4. (Previously Presented) A hard capsule according to claim 3, wherein the inorganic substance is magnesium aluminometasilicate.

5. (Previously Presented) A hard capsule according to claim 2, wherein the quantity of inorganic substance is within the range of 0.1 to 100 weight % of the drug filled within.

6. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to claim 2, wherein the penem antibiotic ~~drug~~ filled in the hard capsule is in solid or semisolid form.

7. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to claim 6, wherein said solid or semisolid penem antibiotic drug is in the form of a fine granule or granule.

8. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to claim 6, wherein the penem antibiotic drug filled within the hard capsule is applied with a functional coating.

9. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to claim 8 7, wherein the functional coating is an enteric coating.

10. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to claim 8 7, wherein the functional coating is a gastric coating.

11. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to claim 6, wherein the penem antibiotic drug filled in the hard capsule is a composition comprising a penem antibiotic drug applied with a functional coating and a penem antibiotic drug without functional coating.

12. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to claim 11, wherein the ratio of the composition of a penem antibiotic drug applied with functional coating and a penem antibiotic drug without a functional coating is within the range of 3:7 to 7:3 by weight.

13. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to claim 6, wherein the penem antibiotic drug filled within the hard capsule is a composition comprising a penem antibiotic drug applied with an enteric coating and a penem antibiotic drug applied with a gastric coating.

14. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to claim 13, wherein the ratio of the composition of the penem antibiotic drug applied with an enteric coating to the penem antibiotic drug applied with a gastric coating is within the range of 3:7 to 7:3 by weight.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A hard capsule according to claim 1 ~~15~~, wherein the penem antibiotic filled in the hard capsule is (+)-(5R,6S)-6-[(R)-1-hydroxyethyl]-7-oxo-3-[(R)-2-tetrahydrofuryl]-4-thia-1-aza-bicyclo[3.2.0]hept-2-ene-2-carboxylic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a derivative thereof or a pharmacologically acceptable salt of a derivative thereof.

17. (Currently Amended) A hard capsule according to claim 1 ~~15~~, wherein the penem antibiotic filled in the hard capsule is (5-methyl-2-oxo-1,3-dioxolene-4-yl)methyl (5R,6S)-6-[(R)-1-hydroxyethyl]-7-oxo-3-[(R)-2-tetrahydrofuryl]-4-thia-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]hept-2-ene-2-carboxylate.

18. (Currently Amended) A hard capsule according to any one of claims 1, 16 or 17 ~~15 to 17~~, wherein the quantity of inorganic substance is within the range of 1 to 100 by weight% of the penem antibiotic filled within.

19. (Previously Presented) A hard capsule according to claim 18, wherein the quantity of inorganic substance is within the range of 1 to 25 by weight% of the penem antibiotic filled within.

20. (Currently Amended) A hard capsule according to claim 1 ~~15~~, wherein the penem antibiotic filled within the capsule is a mixture of a penem

antibiotic applied with a functional coating and a penem antibiotic without a functional coating.

21. (Previously Presented) A hard capsule according to claim 20, wherein the ratio of a mixture of a penem antibiotic applied with a functional coating to a penem antibiotic without a functional coating is within the range of 5:5 to 7:3 in weight.

22. (Currently Amended) A hard capsule according to claim 1 ~~15~~, wherein the penem antibiotic filled within the hard capsule is a mixture of a penem antibiotic applied with an enteric coating and a penem antibiotic applied with a gastric coating.

23. (Previously Presented) A hard capsule according to claim 22, wherein the ratio of a mixture of a penem antibiotic applied with an enteric coating to a penem antibiotic applied with a gastric coating is within the range of 5:5 to 7:3 by weight.